



Research Symposium: International Migration and Maternity

Presenters' biographies

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Gina is a qualified nurse, midwife and health visitor. Her research portfolio focuses on ethnicity and health, with a strong dimension on international migration and maternity.

Gina's research focuses on maternal health and wellbeing including parenting issues, healthcare access and navigation, perinatal food choices, and early parenthood and postnatal depression in different ethnic minority groups. Gina has been principal investigator for 22 externally funded research studies, with funding from a wide range of international and national funding agencies.

Her current positions held include:

- co-editor of a Sage Publications textbook *Participatory Qualitative Research Methodologies in Health*
- associate Editor of the *Ethnicity and Health* journal
- module leader for ESRC Doctoral Training Centre modules (University of Nottingham)
- member of the management committee of national scheme – National Institute for Health Research/Health Education England/Integrated Clinical Academic Mentorship (NIHR/HEE/ICAM) Programme
- visiting Professor at the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University

Gina has also held Visiting Professorships at the Universities of Sao Paolo, Riberao Preto, California Davis, Pennsylvania, Almeria, and Karolinska.

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Kuldip has over forty years' experience in midwifery, spanning education, research and practice. She has extensive experience of providing and delivering education within an inter-professional environment, as well as having extensive knowledge and understanding of policy, practice and the regulation underpinning midwifery and maternity services.

Her principle research interests are around:

- midwifery education
- research and practice
- women's experience of maternity services

Kuldip's research and publications have covered education and health services including clinical mentorship, provision of midwifery education, provision of equitable maternity services, experiences of maternity users and health inequalities, and areas of race and ethnicity.

Her positions held include:

- served on the editorial board of the *British Journal of Midwifery*
- registrant member of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (2009-2013)
- Chair of the NMC's Midwifery Committee (2011-2013)
- ten years' experience in NHS public appointments as a non-executive director and a Chair of the NHS trusts
- served on the Prime Minister Commission on the Future of Nursing and Midwifery (2009-2010)

In 2009 her work for services to healthcare and to the community in Leeds was recognised in the Queen's Honours list when she was awarded an OBE.

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Basharat completed his PhD from the University of Nottingham. His PhD thesis focused on bringing cultural changes through organisational development in the NHS to respond to ethnic diversity in the service users. He also has MA in Research Methods and an MA in Sociology.

Dr Hussain has broad research interests, including:

- organisational management
- diversity and health care organisation
- public sector policy and management
- participatory approaches in service development and evaluation
- systematic reviews and research methods

During his academic career, Basharat has worked on a variety of research projects relating to healthcare in the UK. These projects include food behaviour of women during pregnancy, diet and exercise pattern in relation to Chronic Heart Diseases (CHD), implementation of workplace intervention for HIV testing, domestic violence and primary care response, mindfulness for Osteo Arthritis (OA) related knee pain, suicide mitigation through primary care and peer mentoring for clinical skills.

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Dr Karen Salt
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Karen is an expert on sovereignty, politics and the ways that discourses regarding difference influence narratives, decision making and systems of governance.

Dr Salt is the Principal Investigator (PI) of The Trust Map and a Co-I on Curator, two RCUK Connected Communities, Digital Economy and Partnership in Conflict, Crime and Security Research funded projects. She also participates as a co-investigator on the EPSRC project, TrustLens, in addition to the AHRC project, Common Cause Research. Her research portfolio of projects also includes the collaborative Arts Council England project, The Bigger Picture where she acts as the Research Lead and an AHRC Networking project, Geographies of Black Protest, dedicated to researching and preserving the histories and materiality of black protest culture within the UK and around the world.

Current positions held:

- active grant reviewer
- sits as a member on the Peer Review College for ESRC
- member of the Arts & Humanities Research Council Advisory Board

Karen's external engagement extends to offering consultation to governmental departments such as the Home Office, local and national agencies, charitable organisations and arts institutions. Her monograph, *The Unfinished Revolution: Haiti, Black Sovereignty and Power in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World*, will be published by Liverpool University Press in autumn 2018. She has also begun work on two new monographs: *States of Blackness: Nationhood and Power in Nineteenth-Century Haiti, Liberia and Abyssinia and Twilight Islands: Race and Politics in the Shadows of the Caribbean*.

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Caroline has worked since 1990 in a single Sheffield general practice. The multidisciplinary provision of holistic, generalist, medical care for all ages, is central to her working week. Clinical practice therefore informs her teaching and research and vice versa.

Caroline's primary research interests as an NIHR Chief Investigator are aligned to the Health Equity theme within the Academic Unit of Primary Medical Care (AUPMC). Her research concerns the development and evaluation of tailored interventions to 'improve access to care for under-served populations' using evidence synthesis and mixed methodologies.

Caroline's current research includes:

- addressing the pregnancy care needs of under-served groups including homeless women, migrant women, antenatal late bookers, postnatal type 2 diabetes risk-reduction for women with gestational diabetes
- sexual health primary care provision
- factors influencing cervical smear uptake in the Roma Slovak population

Other research includes access to respiratory healthcare in high risk populations and medicines optimisation in older adults with co-morbidities.

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Catrin is a nurse and social scientist who has worked at the University of Nottingham since 2003. Her research expertise lies in community based participatory research, qualitative methodologies and systematic reviewing. Her research has been undertaken in the UK and overseas, and focuses on improving cross-cultural healthcare in vulnerable populations with a specific emphasis on maternal, sexual and reproductive health.

Catrin is currently involved in several funded research initiatives, including a project to improve uptake of HIV testing amongst migrant communities and two qualitative evidence syntheses examining the experiences of healthcare for women and girls who have undergone FGM.

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